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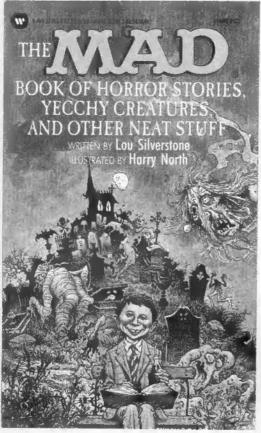
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"CRITTER'S RAVE!"

"I Howled!" -- Wolfman

"Talk about Monstrosities!" —Dr. Frankenstein

> "It Sucks!" —Dracula

LURKING AT A BOOK-STORE HEAR YOU! OWN IT BY COFFIN UP SOME MONEY!

LETTERS AND TOMATOES DEPT.



"MOONFIGHTING"

I enjoyed your TV Satire "Moonfighting." This show puts to rest the old ventriloquist's rule which states that the act will best succeed by using only one dummy!

Tom Takach St. Petersburg, FL

WRESTLING WITH OUR COVERS

Regarding the cover and contents of MAD #264: I'm rired of seeing Hulk "Blabbermouth" Hogan! Please don't picture him in MAD anymore!

Brian Barnett N. Huntingdon, PA

If you think Hulk is a blabbermouth, then what have you got to say about Joan Rivers on this month's cover?—Ed.



A COUPLE OF GEMS

As the writers of "The Jewel Of The Nile," we were relaxing in our office when none other than mysterious Arab Omar Khalifa barged in, tied us up and committed the most heinous of crimes... he made us read "The Fool Of The Nile" in MAD #263!! Please save us from this slow death! We can't last much longer!

Mark Rosenthal Larry Konner Marina Del Rey, CA

"ALL-WHITE SONG"

I read your "All-White Song" and I think it was rude to make fun of blacks like you did. There are a lot of funny things in MAD and you don't have to put down an entire race of people to get laughs. You make a real good magazine without all that stuff in it.

Jamie Copeland Townville, PA

I just read your parody "All-White Song." It's good to see MAD is still tackling tough issues by taking a strong stand against apartheid. The only sad thing is there are probably some idiots out there who don't understand satire and will accuse you of being bigoted yourselves. As a longtime MAD fan, I love having a few good laughs at the expense of dictators, fanatics and racists!

Lou Pisani Pompano Beach, FL

LET HE WHO IS WITHOUT SIN CAST THE FIRST STALLONE

Bravo to your satire "When The Rambo Influence Spreads Everywhere" in MAD #264. Thank goodness MY country isn't symbolized by a blood-thirsty, musclebound dope with a gutteral vocabulary!

Alberta, Canada

How quickly we forget Maggie Trudeau!

ELEMENTARY READING

I think MAD magazine is the best magazine ever made, but Playboy and Penthouse are almost as good. I am a fourth grader at St. Raphael School.

Justin Smith Springfield, OH

Hmmm...What are the third graders reading?—Ed.



Jewel Of The Nile writers Rosenthal and Konner enjoy (?) MAD with the help of Omer Khalifa (actor Spiros Focas).

A MAD INFLUENCE ON YOUTH?

Your magazine has had a wonderful effect on my son. Because of all the political references he didn't understand, he now watches the evening news. From learning about current events, he can now understand the satire in MAD. I read it too, and think MAD is an underrated publication deserving of more recogni-

> Julie McClure Bradenton, FL

Thanks for your kind letter. We do feel, however, that since your son is 32, he should be picking up the political references on his own.—Ed.

UNMISTAKABLY MAD

You morons finally had a mathematically correct article! In "Why 999 Shoppers Out Of 1,000 Never Collect Those Manufacturers' Rebates' all of the numbers actually add up to 999! I couldn't believe it! Congratulations on what must be a first!

> Matt Cohen Frederick, MD

That's right, Mart, we've finally cleaned up our act and you won't be seeing any more mistakes in these pages, Hoo Hahl—Ed.

THE ENVELOPE PLEASE...

When someone at MAD wins an award, we think it's a big deal. Mort Drucker, our own master of movie satires, recently beat out 77 other artists to win the National Cartoonists Society's prestigious Reuben Award for his work in MADI Congratula-tions, Mort, and like we said---Big deall



Drucker draws himself

MORON MAIL

In Al Jaffee's "Snappy Answers To Stu-pid Questions In A Video Rental Store," when the customer asked if the films were dirry, the clerk should have replied "No, we had them dry cleaned this morning!

> Robert Erck Lombard, IL

Al didn't use that line, Robert, because MAD is a humor magazine.—Ed.

RELATIVELY SPEAKING

On your letters page in MAD #265 (Sept. '86) the last letter was from a girl named Laura Elizabeth Bucci. I happen to know she is William Gaines's granddaughter! When is blatant nepotism like this in MAD going to stop?

Corey Jonathan Mifsud York, PA

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MR. MOM-A MIA DEPT.

You may think that in the world of network television, ABC stands for the "American Broadcasting Company." But judging by one of its current shows, ABC must really mean "Another Boring Comedy"! This alleged sitcom is all about a career woman, her ex-jock housekeeper, and her sexpot mother. All three are equals—they're all idiots! So, no matter who's in charge, can't we say that the...



My name is Toenall Missilly! In dis house, !
do all da cookin', cleanin', washin', Ironin',
and baby-sittin'. Dat's how ! stay in such
good shape! Not from da work, but from defendin'
myself from da name-cailin' when ! tell my
street buddies! cook, clean, wash, iron and
baby-sit for a livin'! Dose guys say! only got
brawn, but they're wrong! I got muscles, too!

I'm Angina Bowser, a very successful advertising executive, and I'm proud to be a working woman! I'm living proof that women don't have to stay at home and do menial, unrewarding housework! I'm proof that women can do something really important—like hiring a man to do their menial, unrewarding housework!

I'm Angina's mother, Moona Robinthecradle! My philosophy on men can be summed up in one word: YES!!! I don't want to say that I'm preoccupied with sex, but why don't you stop reading this halloon and kiss me!



BOOBS ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER WRITER: DENNIS SNEE



Terrible! I just wasn't myself all day! I was moody, irritable, and I needed a decision on that new account and the president of the agency was out to lunch! But Angina, you're da president of da agency! I know that! you'n conce told you, I was out to lunch! Angi you'n conce I've to yo inse



Angina, I'm giad you're home! As a concerned mother, I've got to talk to you about how insensitive and unresponsive Toenail has been.

What are you talking about? Toenail responds to Jogathan just like a real father would.

I'm talking about responding to me! I put on a sexy skirt and asked him if I moved anything In him. He said, yeah, I made his skin craw!!



We learned all about the Irish potato famine in school today.

Oh, I know about dati it's when all the potatoes starved to death. No, Dad...Disease wiped out the potato crop and all the people starved to death! Yeah, well dat just proves we Italians are too smart for dat! How many times you ever heard of disease wipin' out the spaghetti crop?! Angina, I'm gettin' real frustrated livin' in the same house with you and not bein' able to...you know..."get together." You're a good-lookin' woman! I want our relationship to be more like a husband and wife.

Well, Toenail, if you insist! From now on we'll be like husband and wife. I'll nag you about the house always being a mess, and you'll always have a headache!



LIGHT AV FIRE!
HE WAY, JOSE
FELICIANO
The Rooma





Boy, I'm beat!



OK, Mr. Missilly,

let's see what

you'd prepare as

a typical breakfast.

First, I'd get some

potato chips, some

onion dip, Goobers,

and a can of soda ...

Mr. Missilly, I'm Impressed!

How did you learn about

handling teenage dilemmas

like premarital sex?



Toenail,

Wow, my



MORNING ON EAST 12th STREET





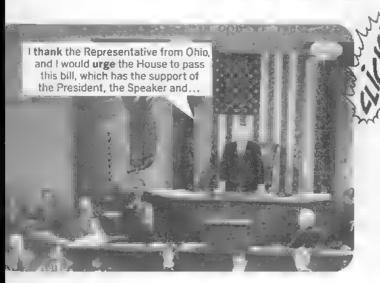


TUNER FISHING DEPT.

In the old days of television, people only had a few measly channels of boring programs to choose from. As a result, they usually spent all their time turning the selector knob to switch from station to station, vainly searching for something to watch. Now, with

MAD'S CABLE

WRITER: MIKE SNIDER



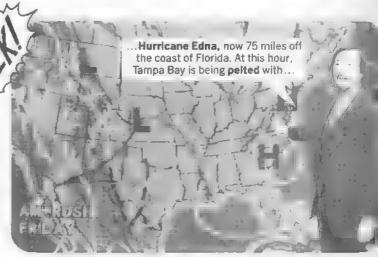




"Weird Al" Yankovic.
What a nutty guy!
Up next, an MTV
World Premiere
Video from...









...bedroom. Others may find it more arousing to make love in the back seat of a car or in the serene splendor of a...





cable TV, people have *dozens* of channels to choose from. Of course, the programs are as boring as ever, so now they spend all their time pushing the buttons on the cable box to switch from station to station, which creates a strange kind of craziness that we call...

TUROULETTE

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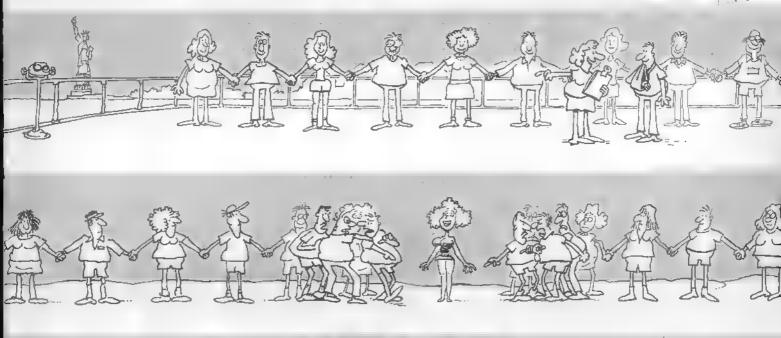




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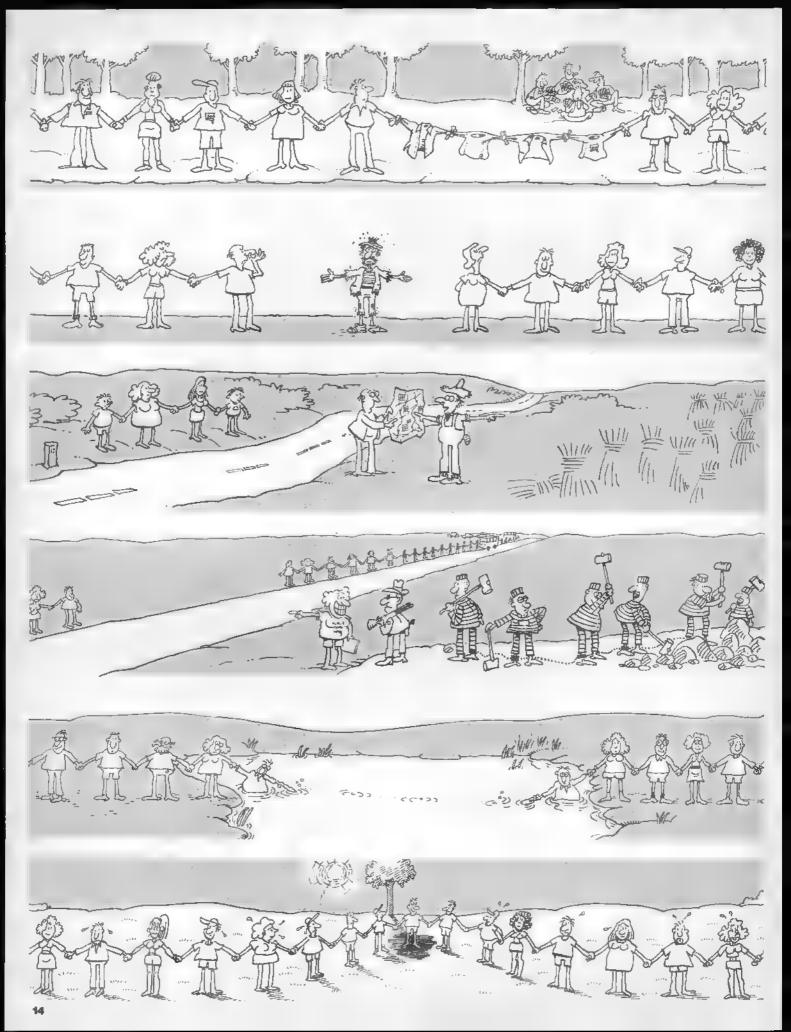
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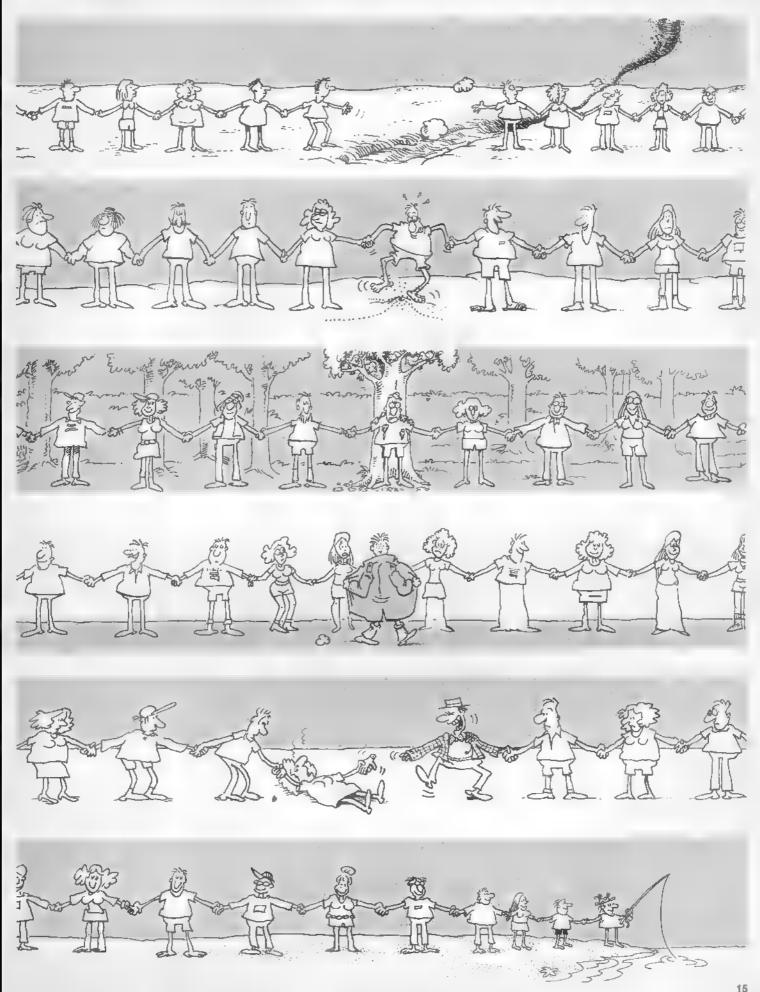
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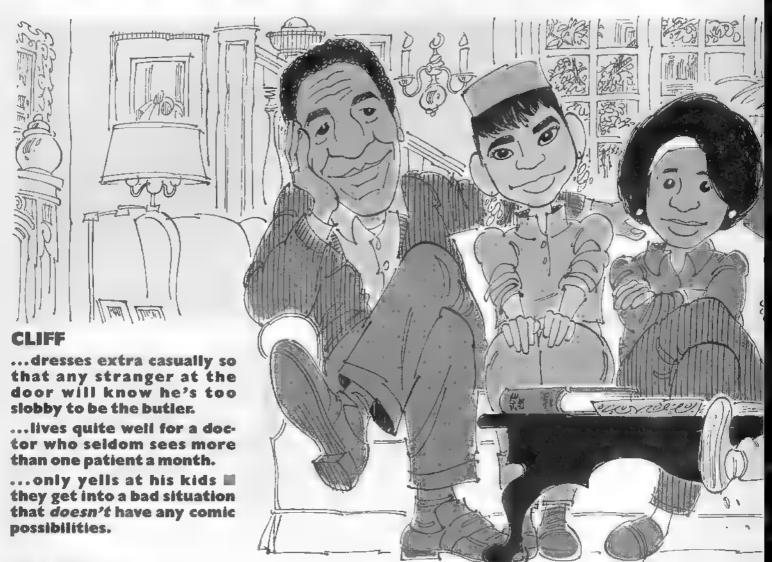






Once a year, MAD's evil staff rounds up a new collection of revered celebrities and hallowed institutions, and then takes pot shots at them our annual Nasty File. Normally, we have to search the earth for victims so beloved that no one but us would dare to in-

The GOSBYSH



GRANDPA HUXTABLE

- ...avoids portraying a racial stereotype by depicting a dull, whiny, forgetful old Senior Citizen stereotype.
- ...displayed his one and only outburst of humor over 45 years ago when he decided to name his son Heathcliff.
- ...is the sort of man who makes his grandchildren thankful that he lives across town.

DENISE

- ...has a good head on her shoulders, but it belongs to her boyfriend.
- ...seems less like a member of the family and more like someone who's just there haunting the house.
- ...manages to make a "fashion statement" on every show. And that statement is: "PLEASE HELP ME!!"

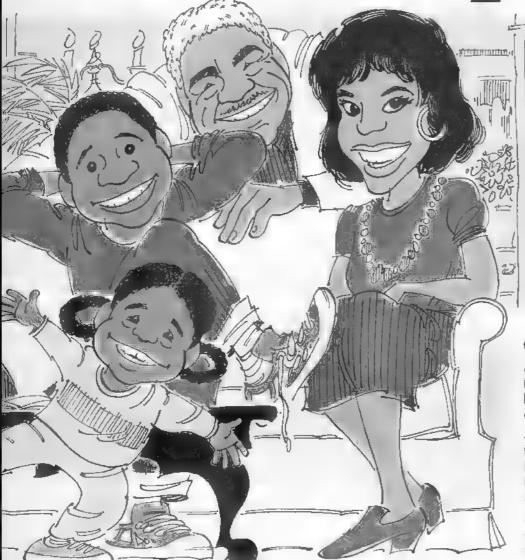
VANESSA

- ...looks perpetually worried—as would any girl who knows that she's doomed to be next in line for Denise's hand-me-downs.
- ...sometimes suffers from an identity crisis because people tend to confuse her with the wallpaper.
- ...scores points for equality by being as vapid as any white kid on a sit-com!



sult them. But this year, we got lucky. The Nation's sweethearts are all together, right under our noses—on television! And they've got about as much chance for mercy as a long-tailed cat in a roomful of rockers when we begin firing away with a special edition of MAD's

OW Nasty File WRITER: TOM KOCH



CLAIR

...makes decisions that are intelligent, rational, and level-headed—except when choosing a husband!

...has the whole world waiting to hear her secret for keeping a big house overrun by kids spotless without ever cleaning it.

...is caring, sensitive, honest and forthright, and therefore a lousy lawyer.

RUDY

...would be worth about \$50 on the open market, figuring ham at \$1.29 a lb.

...keeps her hair braided so tightly that the tiniest vibration could make her eyes pop out completely.

...should plan to elope with Emmanuel Lewis when she grows up since they obviously deserve each other.

THEO

...is clumsy, stubborn and slow—in other words, just like his father.

...consistently ranks near the top of his class, but only alphabetically.

...helps the world appreciate teenagers for what they really are—deceitful, lazy and oversexed.

THE HUXTABLE HOME

...houses a small fortune in fragile furniture and a gang of fumbling children.

...is the type of well-kept New York brownstone that J.R. Ewing would live in—if he could afford it.

...is the only house in Manhattan that has both (a) a basketball hoop on the garage, and (b) a garage.

BREAKING HABITS







BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.

THELIGHTE

ECONOMICS









Hmmm, keep

SCHOOL SPIRIT







RSIDE OF...

ARTIST & WRITER: DAVE BERG

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Service Service

How could it have been my fault? I was never home to cause any trouble!

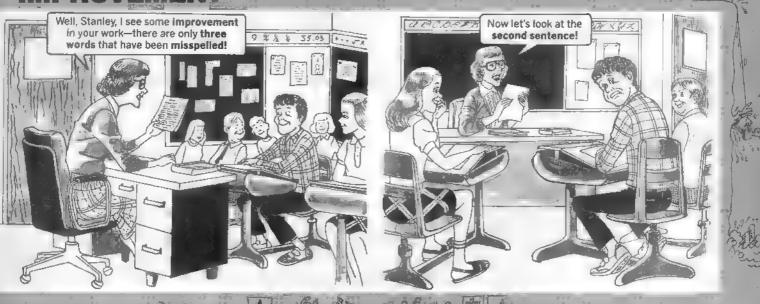


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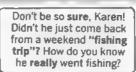
IMPROVEMENT



TRUST



I trust my
Lenny! I
know he'd
never fool
around!





Because he didn't bring home any fish!



COOKING







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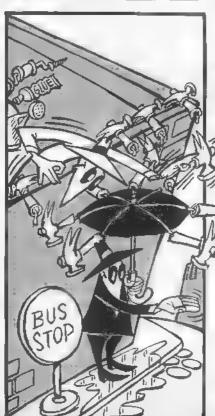








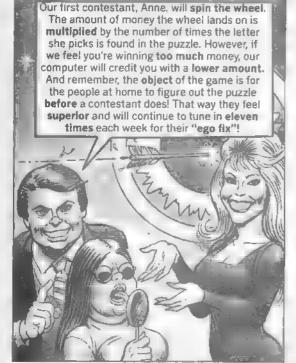


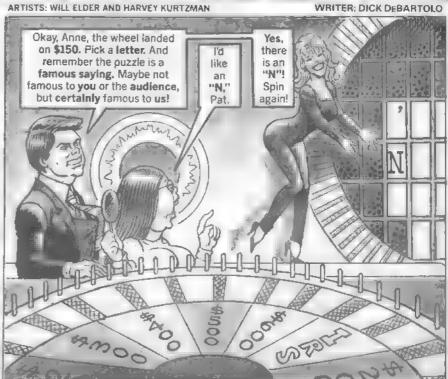


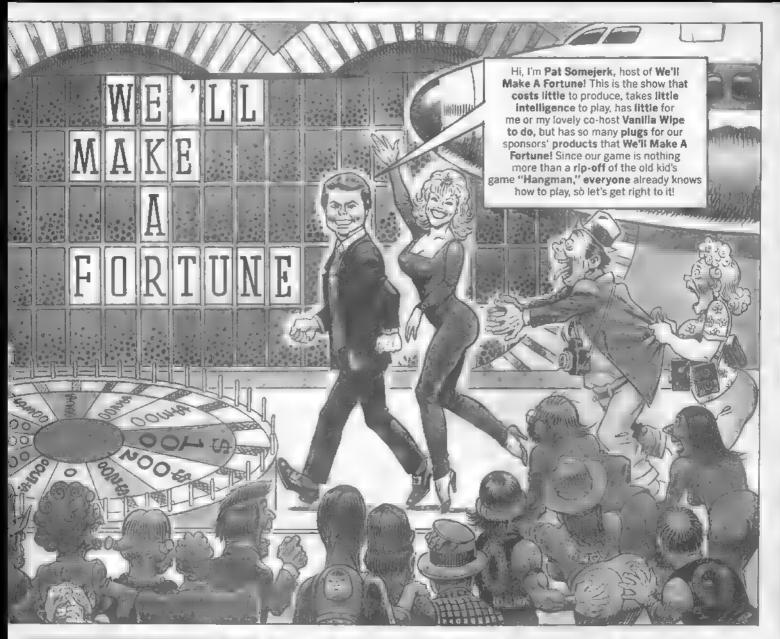








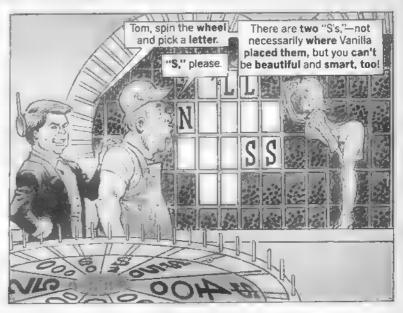




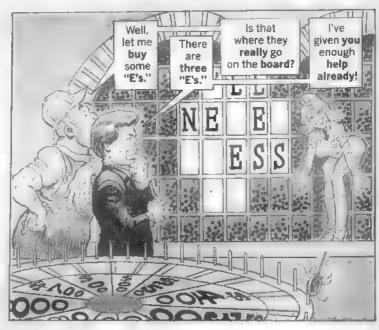






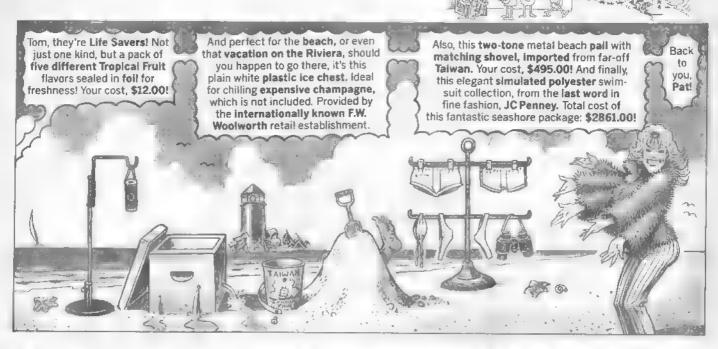








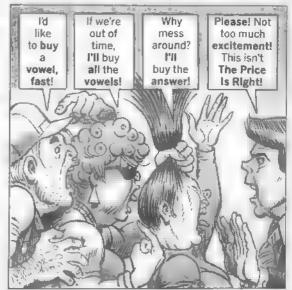








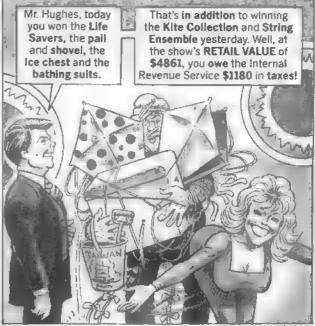


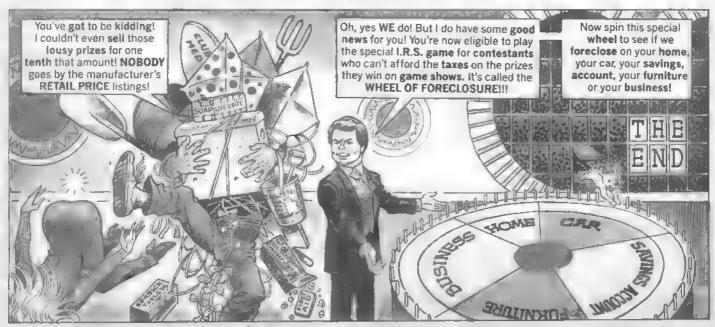














GABE KOTTER



GILLIGAN



PAST THEIR PRIME TIME DEPT.

MAD'S WHATEVER BECAME



ARCHIE BUNKER











LAVERNE DEFAZIO

TV CHARACTERS' EDITION



MAXWELL SMART



SUE ANNE NIVENS



TATTOO



COL. WILHELM KLINK



GABE KOTTER (OF "WELCOME BACK, KOTTER")

Kotter was successfully sued in 1981 by the parents of Epstein, Horschak and Barbarino, who claimed the only things their sons ever learned in his class were corny Henny Youngman jokes. Kotter was subsequently barred from teaching and now works as a hot-dog vendor in Yankee Stadium. In 1983, he sold "wife gag" to Henny for \$10.



GILLIGAN (OF "GILLIGAN'S ISLAND")

Following the castaways' ultimate rescue in 1972, Gilligan returned to the mainland and bumbled his way through a series of high-paying jobs obtained through the patronage of Millionaire Industrialist Thurston Howell III. Among his most recent positions: Chief of Operations at Three Mile Island, Safety Inspector for Amtrak, and P.R. Executive for rock star Prince.



Smart—Agent 86—became chief of CONTROL by default in 1975 when the spy agency was gutted by Congress in the aftermath of the Watergate scandal. In 1979, he was transferred to the State Department, where he now serves as head of the Middle Eastern Bureau's Embassy Security Division. He and his wife, 99, have two children, 41 and 35—now 13 and 9, respectively.





ARCHIE BUNKER (OF "ARCHIE BUNKER'S PLACE")

Archie sold his saloon in 1984 and moved to Washington, D.C., where he now works as a Special Consultant to President Reagan's Affirmative-Action Program.



LAVERNE DEFAZIO

AND
SHIRLEY FEENEY
(OF "LAVERNE AND SHIRLEY")

Laverne DeFazio died tragically in a bizarre accident at a practical joke and novelty factory in 1979. Shirley Feeney, now 51, still works on the Shotz Brewery assembly line and still hasn't let a guy "go past first base."





COL. WILHELM KLINK (OF "HOGAN'S HEROES")

After the Third Reich fell, Klink managed to escape the full wrath of the Nuremberg Trials (he was found guilty of nothing more than "comic ineptitude"). His whereabouts for the following two decades are still something of a mystery, but he did re-surface in 1968 to open a center for holistic health and assertiveness training in Big Sur, California. (It remains successful to this day.)





FRED SANFORD (OF "SANFORD AND SON")

In 1983, Fred Sanford, the ne'erdo-well junk dealer from Los Angeles, became one of only three businessmen to sign up for the government's Nuclear Waste Site Program. After storing high-level waste plutonium for two years in son Lamont's old bedroom, Fred is now suing Uncle Sam for "a billion million gazillion dollars," claiming wrongful exposure to "atomic cooties." The case is being handled by close friend and "People's Court" watcher Grady Jackson.

MOTHER (OF "MY MOTHER, THE CAR")

Son Dave Crabtree's financial setbacks forced him to sell Mother to an alcoholic steel-worker, who rammed her into a tree off the Pennsylvania Turnpike in 1974. She was sold for scrap, melted down and now serves as a girder on the 12th story of an office building in Phoenix.



TATTOO (OF "FANTASY ISLAND")

Tattoo, Mr. Rourke's lecherousbut-lovable assistant, was left jobless with few real skills when Fantasy Island was invaded in 1983 by U.S. Marines seeking to prevent a Soviet takeover. He worked briefly as a porno movie actor in Tijuana, a department store lingerie salesman, and a cashier in a video game arcade—where he was arrested. He is now awaiting trial on charges of indecent exposure and lewd mumbling.





SUE ANNE NIVENS (OF "THE MARY TYLER MOORE SHOW")

Sue Anne, the "Happy Homemaker" of WJM-TV in Minneapolis, moved up to her own cable show in 1977, where she was noticed by a Hollywood producer casting a new primetime drama. She moved to L.A., but, after extensive screen-testing, lost the role—to Joan Collins. Sue Anne and her agent are now "in negotiations" with ABC, NBC, CBS and a dinner theatre near Akron.



HOW NOW HIGH BROW DEPT.

Today's world is cluttered with an endless variety of snobs. We've all encountered the kind that can recite whole pages from Shakespeare, but never bothered to memorize a single quote from Yogi Berra. Then, there is the snob who boasts of his many visits to the art museum, even though he still hasn't been to a Wrestling match once. However, the world's most common form of snob is the one who claims that the only

HOW PBS REALLY DIFFER



Commercial TV caters to our lowest instincts by portraying lust and greed among the filthy rich of Dallas in 1986.



P.B.S. caters to our thirst for history by portraying manners and customs among the privileged class of London in 1895.



On commercial TV, Merv Griffin fawns over bubbly Hollywood entertainers just because sexy young starlets bring out something obnoxious in him.



On P.B.S., Louis Rukeyser fawns over mumbling Wall Street advisors just because shriveled old men bring out something weird in him.



On commercial TV, T.J. Hooker miraculously solves six crimes during a single week's show.



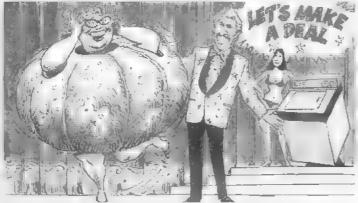
On P.B.S., Sergeant Cribb meticulously solves one crime during a six-week series.

TV shows worth watching are those of the Public Broadcasting System. Many of us lower creatures accept this snob's eye view of television without argument, and just assume that PBS programming is for deep thinkers.

while commercial TV is for idiots like ourselves. But now, MAD dares to ask the penetrating question: Says who?!? Our lowbrow staff has sought to find the answer, and we herewith offer our impartial findings on:

ARTIST: HARRY NORTH

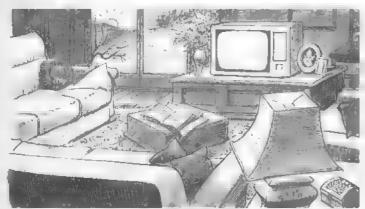
WRITER: TOM KOCH



Commercial TV calls it "entertainment" when some heavyweight picks Door Number 2, and is rewarded with a \$300 washing machine that she doesn't need.



P.B.S. calls it "enlightenment" when the same lardo gives \$300 to the station's annual pledge drive and is rewarded with a T-shirt that she shouldn't wear.



In a cowardly fashion, commercial TV airs its serious public affairs programs on Sunday morning because that's when virtually no one is watching.



Boldly, P.B.S. airs its serious public affairs program during prime time every night of the week because virtually no one is ever watching.



On commercial TV, half-hour shows actually end in 28 minutes so the network can throw in three quick ads for a deodorent, a dandruff cure, and a hemorrhoid suppository.



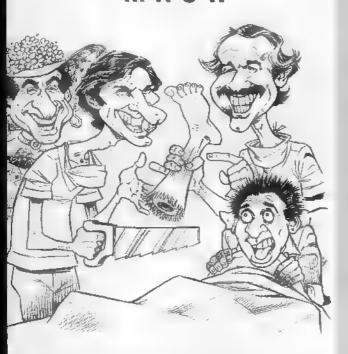
On P.B.S., half-hour shows actually end in 26 minutes so the station can throw in three long program promotions for "Death in Central America," "Spotlight on Abortion" and "Our Rotting Slums, Part IV". 33

THE MALADY LINGERS ON DEPT.

Old TV shows never die, they just go Into syndication! Unfortunately, the same can be said for their ridiculous opening themes! With that in mind, MAD now looks back on four popular tunes you can hum, sing and quickly forget! Here's MAD's...



M*A*S*H



Those copters flying in once more
Bring in the wounded by the score;
So what's ■ little blood and gore
When Hawkeye's here with quips galore?
'Cause sewin' someone's gut up
Is fun when you're a cut-up,
And much more entertaining on TV!

Those bullet holes, they make a mess, And open wounds, they just depress, But Klinger in a see-through dress— Well, that's the road to sure success! When shrapnel's in the colon, Just keep that laugh-track rollin'— It's much more entertaining on TV!

The rules of M*A*S*H we all obey—
A Gl's death is deemed okay
Unless it's getting in the way
Of Hawkeye cracking up B.J.!
Who cares if someone's dyin'—
We'll keep those wisecracks flyin'—
They're much more entertaining on TV!

THE MARY TYLER MOORE SHOW

Who can make it big...in her car-eer?
Who can reach the peak of fame
And sud-denly find...it's down-hill from here?
Well, it's Mar-y—and now we know...it!
Who'd..have..thought with all of her acclaim that—She'd blow...it!
Rhoda stayed on top—
So did Ted Bax-ter;
Mary traveled on—
And soon they axed...her!
She nev-er..made..it..af-ter...all!

She can still bounce back—don't think she can't!
Even though it's now too late
For try-ing to get...a job on "Lou Grant!"
Maybe youthful roles...don't quite suc-ceed...now—
Maybe "Golden Girls"...is more her speed now!
She just might make it af-ter...all!



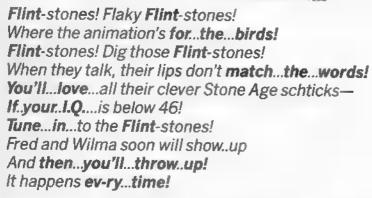
MINISON SON

ARTIST- SAM VIVIANO

WOITED, COUNT INCOME

THE FLINSTONES

Flint-stones! What are Flint-stones?
They're a rip-off like you've nev-er...seen!
Flint-stones! Fighting Flint-stones!
They're "The Honeymooners" lift-ed...clean!
See...how...they keep battling all day through!
Let's..hope..some day...that Gleason will sue!
When..you...watch the Flint-stones—
You'll soon realize that Barn-ey
Is no...Art...Carn-ey!
It happens ev-ry...time!





THE TONIGHT SHOW



MONDAY

Here's the "To-night..Show"— Wow! What ■ treat! Till you dis-cov-er It's a repeat...

TUESDAY

Here's the "To-**night..Show"**— Seen coast-to-coast! Carson won't **be..here**— Shandling's your host...

WEDNESDAY

Here's the "To-night..Show"— Some show we've got! Ed's here as al-ways— Johnny is not...

THURSDAY

Here's the "To-**night..Show"**— Long may it reign! Doc's here with **mus-ic**— Johnny's in Spain...

FRIDAY

Here's the "To-night..Show"— Still in high gear! Starring Joan Riv-(oops)— LOOK! JOHNNY'S HERE! For Outstanding Achievement In Stretching A "Two-Hour Idea" Into A Five-Part Mini-Series

Best Performance By An Actor Or Actress In A Talk Show "Plug" For A Failing Series



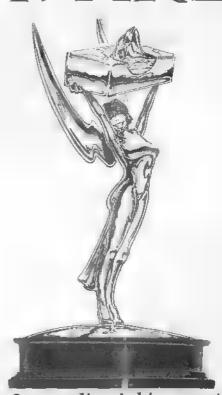
STATUES OF LIMITATIONS DEPT.



TVEMMYAWARDS



Best Dramatic Series Kept On By A Network As An Example of "Quality Programming"...Despite The Fact That No One Ever Watches It



For Outstanding Achievement In Creating A Maudlin, Tear-Jerking Scene In A SitCom When The Writers Couldn't Think Of A Funny Ending

Outstanding Achievement In SitCom Writing For the Best-Disguised "Re-Working" Of An Old "I Love Lucy" Plot Most Innovative Use Of A Car-Chase Wind-Up In An Action/Adventure Series To Cover Up Bad Writing





WED LIKE TO SEE

ARTIST: MICHAEL MONTGOMERY

WRITER: MIKE SNIDER



Best Scene Or Line Of Dialogue Used Out-Of-Context In A Network Promo To Make A Show Look More Titillating Than It Actually Is



For Outstanding Achievement In Packing A Dramatic Show Episode With Over-The-Hill "Guest Stars" That Nobody's Heard Of For Over Ten Years

THICKE TO OUR STOMACHS DEPT. A few years ago when Alan Thicke's excessively boring late night talk show was taken off the air it was cause for TV viewers everywhere to rejoice. Unfortunately the multi-untalented Thicke is back with a new show and it's giving us... I'm Muggie Deseaver! It's obvious-I'm White! Hi, I'm Jokesson Deseaver, ABC's answer to BIII Cosby—Which helps explain why ABC is in last I'm a sexy wife, a I'm Ban, the smartcaring mother and a More obvious than that! assed nine-year old! successful career place! Coz and I have a lot in Dad, you forgot to He's funny! Even his mention the main woman! Despite all common! We're both successful TV Jello pudding commercials this, I still manage get bigger laughs than doctors with families and we both difference between have successful career wives! Cosby and you! anything you've ever done! to be bland and boring! CAME FROM INNER I'm Carob, the 13-year old daughter! I wanted to be different than the other nerds on sitcoms, so the producers let me wear glasses. I'm Syke, their sex-hungry teen-Creativity abounds on this show! age son! Mom and Dad used to bug me about spending so much time thinking about girls, until I said, "OK, I'll think about guys!"

COOLING DIARTIST: ANGELO TORRES

Poins

WRITER: LOU SILVERSTONE WITH DICK DE BARTOLO

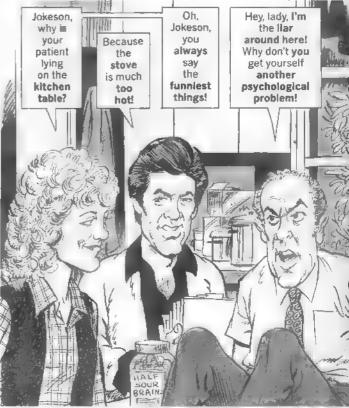


It's being

Too bad you

Mr. Bumbray, I can help you!

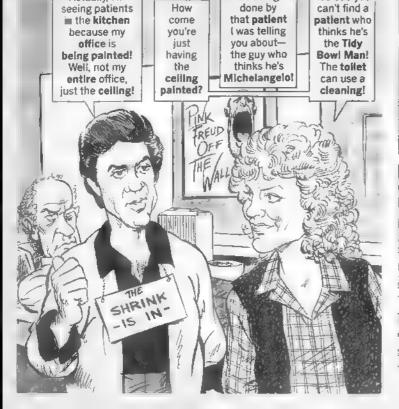
Before you speak, pause a



What's the

big deal,

Hey, Ban,



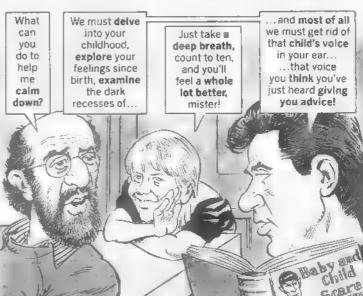
Actually, I'm

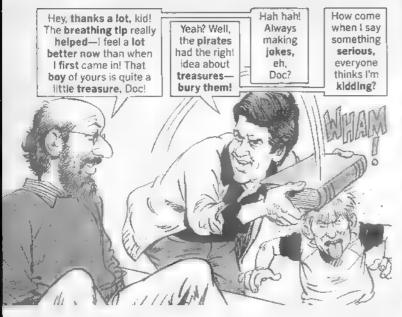


Hey!

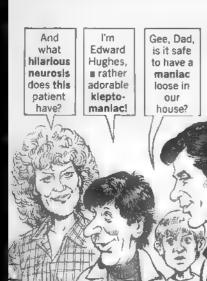








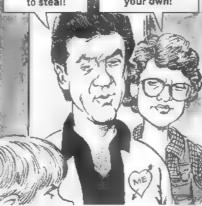




Sure! We have your brother. Syke, with us, don't we?l

Actually, Ban, "Crazy Eddle" isn't really insane! Kleptomanlacs just have a compulsion to steal!

Great! Maybe he can steal you some funny lines, Dad! You've been under too much stress trying to come up with your own!



The It was nice Syke, Mr. Hughes school meeting you, Mr. Hughes! bus is ■ you're hanging out here, kids! at the mall, All 1 can use # out! new stereo!



LATER ONE EVENING

Yes, that's right! One with sausage, one plain, one with mushrooms and one with everything

Isn't Mom terrific? She works all day and still finds time to order dinner out every night!

think we'll ever have # meal Mom cooked?

There's an outside chance if Mr. Hughes steals that microwave she asked him for!

Hey, gang, try not to drip sauce on the table! Patients are complaining about "food stains"!

Let's act like we're really interested in the kids! How was class today, Carob?

Gross! We're supposed to bring our fathers to class for demonstrations about their professions!

Well, Meg's father is m proctologist, What's and he showed... 50 gross

about

Don't be gross!



that? INDIGESTIBLE HOUSE MOP

That's enough interest in the kids! Now let's talk about my favorite subjectme! Today I had m really fascinating patient, a truly split personality! He was half gentle person and half deranged killer!

Wow! Were YOU able to

Yep! Now he's just a totally deranged killer! I believe it's better to make a person whole, to be something rather than just # wishy-washy nothing! Hmmm.. That's like the bland leading the bland!

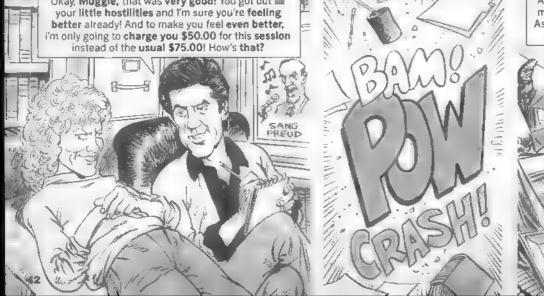
I had a good day, too! I made a move on that blonde cheerleader, exchanged numbers with that doll in my chem class, and had lunch with the entire girls' volleyball team!

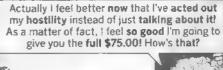
Now I know why you're always too tired to do your homework! You should be grounded!











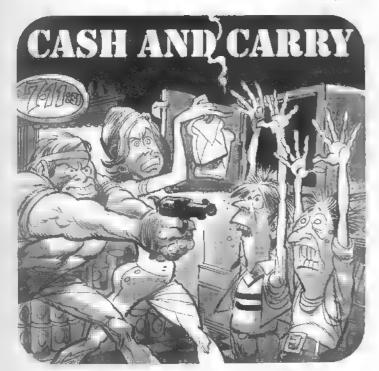


When it comes to police shows on TV, the networks have been very successful in feeding us viewers a steady diet of cop "teams," a pair of dedicated crimefighters with colorful personalities and even more colorful names: Cagney & Lacey, Simon & Simon, Hardcastle & McCormick, Scarecrow & Mrs. King, Starsky & Hutch, Macgruder & Loud, Tenspeed & Brownshoe, and so on. We figure it won't be long before network execs really reach the bottom of the barrel and get so gimmicky in their lame attempts to attract viewers that they introduce these...

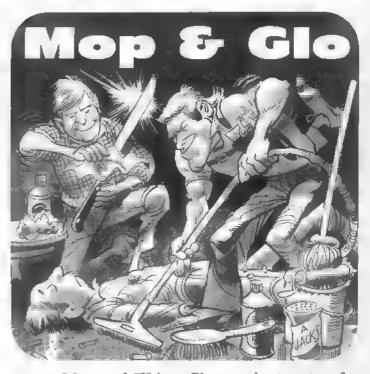
UPCOMING TY COP "TEAMS"

ARTIST: JACK DAVIS

WRITER: CHARLIE KADAU



Cash is Sgt. Augie "Cash" Pooster. Carry is Det. Gloria "Carry" Bunting. Together, they keep the aisles of Detroit's 7-11 stores safe for middle-of-the-night shoppers. In the first episode, the team is pushed to its breaking point as Cash and Carry come face to face with a gang of thugs who heat their sandwiches in the store's microwave before paying for them.

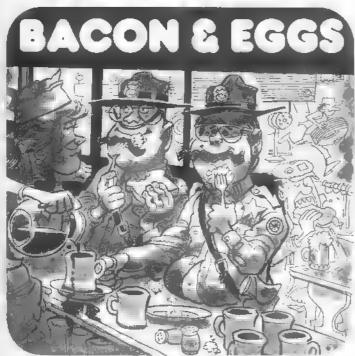


Victor Mop and Walter Glo are the two top forensics experts at the FBI. The catch? They're also compulsive neat-freaks. At murder scenes, after dusting for fingerprints, they can't keep themselves from polishing, mopping and vacuuming. Since the producers are so confident that Mop & Glo will be a hit, they've already begun work on a spinoff series called Spic And Span.

BITCH & MOAN



In this series' pilot episode, rookie cops Douglas Bitch and Cindy Moan are assigned to the same squad car, leaving them more than enough time for their favorite activity: complaining! Whether it be about their itchy uniforms, their hard-nosed sergeant, the lousy shift, the crummy pension plan, each other's bad habits, or anything else that comes to mind, Bitch and Moan do nothing but grumble for 60 solid minutes.



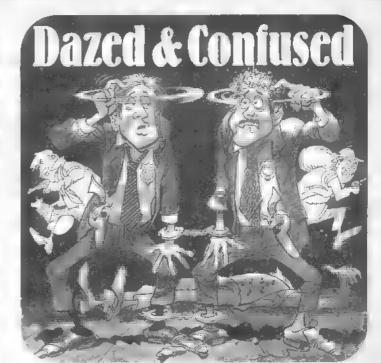
As soon as Harlan County Deputies Jack Bacon and Andy Eggs go on duty, they head straight for Edna's Diner, where they spend the next eight hours belly-up to the counter enjoying breakfast, chatter with truckers and Edna's bottomless coffee pot. In the unlikely case smugglers, hijackers or serial killers stop by, they've got to deal with Jack and Andy!



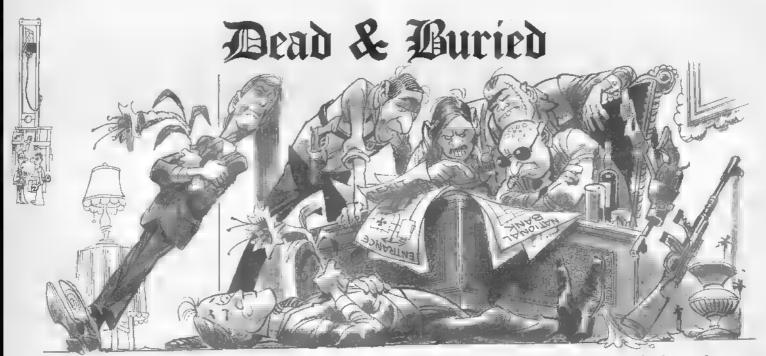
Asbury Park's Danny Surf and Danny Turf are Private Investigators who share the same first name and only accept cases which can be solved without leaving the beach or boardwalk area. Because of this, most episodes revolve around car keys lost in the sand, rigged amusement pier arcade games and illegal taffy operations.

BLACK & DECKER

Plainclothes detectives Leo Black and Harry Decker work undercover for the Chicago Police Department. Unable to carry handguns, billy clubs or handcuffs, they use power tools to protect themselves and bring outlaws to justice. This season, Black and Decker foil a hijacking with power drill, uncover corruption in City Hall with a sabre saw and round up a prostitution ring using an orbital sander. A must-see for crime buffs and carpenters alike.



When a case that really isn't important comes up, it's assigned to detectives Chet "Dazed" Harris and Cliff "Confused" Anderson. The pair can always be counted on to not only misunderstand their instructions, but to completely forget who they're looking for. They become handcuffed to each other at least twice each episode and frequently misplace their squad car. Despite this, they solve a case each weekbut not necessarily the one they're trying to.



Dick Dead and Barry Buried are not your average run-of-the-mill private eyes. Using East Indian breath control techniques, they can remain completely stiff and motionless for hours at a time. This, coupled with their ability to

give off the smell of decaying flesh, makes them the perfect pair for infiltrating hideouts of organized crime kingpins, who have no misgivings about revealing their secret plans in the presence of what they think are corpses.

AND SURVEY WE GO! DEPT.

Because we at MAD truly care about what our readers think, we have commissioned a series of special polls scientifically tailored to reflect your views and opinions on matters of im-

MAD'S READER



1.) Which pair of TV characters are the least significant: The two female detectives on Miami Vice or the two male detectives on Cagney And Lacey?_

2.) Which TV show title reflects the most creativity?

Mary

Newhart

Valerie

3.) Which Saturday Night Live alumnus has gone on to greatest success?

Gary Kroger

Brad Hall

Robin Duke

4.) Which causes a stronger reaction among the American viewing public: Heather Locklear in a V-neck sweater or Dan Rather in . V-neck sweater?

Who looks tallest on a three-inch diameter TV screen?

Gary Coleman

Emmanuel Lewis

Dr. Ruth Westheimer

6.) Which TV sitcom would be in the least amount of trouble if the use of a laugh track was suddenly banned from network television?

Punky Brewster

Silver Spoons

Gimme A Break

7. Which made more sense: The filming of the 85-6 season premiere of Magnum, P.I. in rainy England instead of sunny Hawaii, or the filming of the 85-6 season premiere of Miami Vice in New York City instead of Miami?

8. Which of the following telethons do viewers feel most guilty about never watching?

Muscular Dystrophy

Multiple Sclerosis

United Negro College Fund

9. What is currently the single worst time slot on television?

Preceding Sunrise Semester

Opposite The Cosby Show

Following Roger Mudd's American Almanac

10. Which TV actor has had an easier time making the transition from TV to movies: Henry Winkler or Tom Selleck?_

11. Who has done the most on television to set back the image of their representative group?

Who's The Boss' Tony Danza

Golden Girl's Estelle Getty (Senior Citizens)

Dynasty's Joan Collins (Senior Citizens)



portance not only to our society, but to the entire world as well. So take off your shoes, sit back, and with a pencil, pen, magic marker or paint roller, answer the questions in...

OPINION POLL

TELEVISION

	Whie	ch '	TV	star	most	overest	imat	ed
	their importance to a show when they							
	tried	to	squ	ieeze	more	money	out	of
	the show's producers?							

Suzanne Sommers (Three's Com-

___Larry Hagman (Dallas)

Herve Villechaize (Fantasy Island)

13. On which TV show is the program's contents most unbelievable?

Dynasty

- Lifestyles Of The Rich And Famous
- ____World Wrestling Federation Superstars Of Wrestling
- ____The NBC Nightly News With Tom Brokaw
- 14. During the 85-86 TV season, who was easier to understand: O.J. Simpson on Monday Night Football, Joe Namath on Monday Night Football or Lt. Castillo on Miami Vice?

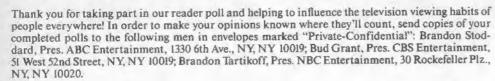
- 16. Which TV characters live most within their financial means, given their TV profession?
 - Crockett and Tubbs (police detectives in Miami)
 - ____The Golden Girls (retirees on Social Security)
 - The Equalizer (one-man vigilante squad who never discusses his fee)
- 17. Which set of TV characters is most likely to give in to the never-acknowledged sexual tension that exists between them and slip between the sheets?
 - ____Matty and David (Moonlighting)
 - ___Tony and Angela (Who's The Boss?)
 - Amanda and Scarecrow (Scarecrow And Mrs. King)
 - ____Rick and DeeDee (Hunter)
 - —Hugh Downs and Barbara Walters (20/20)

15. What is the silliest name TV writers

have ever come up with?

Beaver Opie
Festus Tattoo

__Lurch ___J.R.







RSDAY EVENING ON WEST 12th STREET



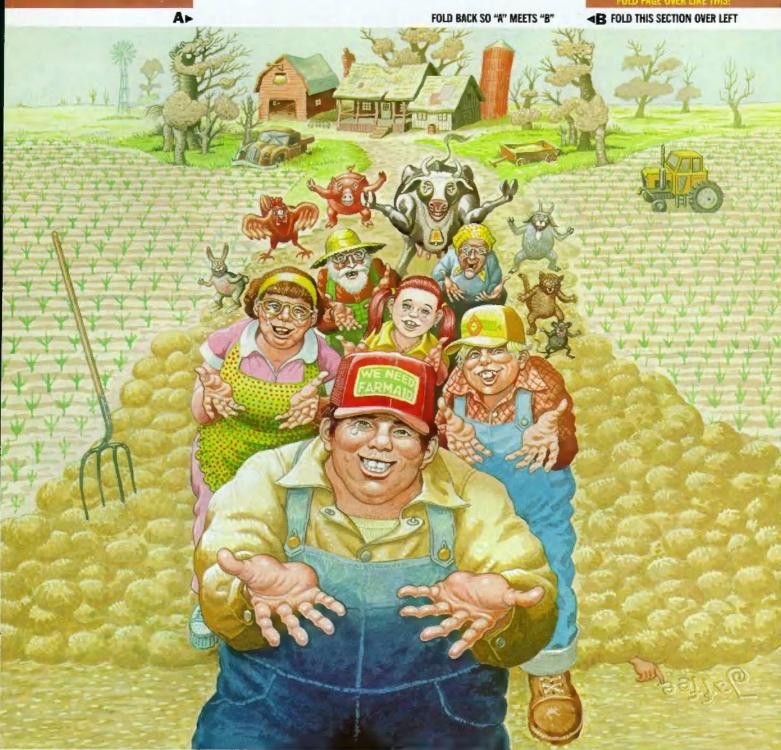


WHAT KIND OF AID IS THE ADMINISTRATION OFFERING THE AMERICAN FARMER?

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS MAD FOLD-IN

The American farmer is in trouble and desperately needs some kind of help. Fold the page in as shown to find out what the government is going to give him.





FARMERS ARE IN TROUBLE WITH BIG LOANS ON HOMES, LAND, AND FARM EQUIPMENT. THE ONLY COURSE LEFT IS TO SEEK AID FROM GOVERNMENT SOURCES...

